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HEALTH REVIEW

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CHRISTMAS SEALS.

Christmas seals are again on sale throughout the state. It should be borne in mind that these seals are sold by the national and state tuberculosis associations and not by the Red Cross. It is unfortunate that these two organizations have their drives so close together as considerable confusion arises from this. The Red Cross funds are raised for disaster and relief work, while the Tuberculosis Association funds are used entirely for promotion of health.

These little health messages represent a very important factor in health work in Montana. The purchase of tuberculosis seals gives to every citizen an opportunity to take part in health work as a voluntary agent. Ninety-five per cent of the money received from the sale of Christmas Seals is spent for health work in Montana. We have been particularly fortunate in this State in the splendid cooperation which all official health agencies have received from the Montana Tuberculosis Association. We bespeak the hearty cooperation of every health officer and physician and of every citizen of Montana in this year's sale.

During the past fall, Mr. Sandquist, City Engineer of Havre, has been experimenting with chlorination of sewage on one sewer in his city. With the assistance of the Water and Sewage Division of the State Board of Health he has been able to carry on a comprehensive study of this method both from the standpoint of cost and effect upon the general sanitary situation. As yet no definite conclusions have been reached as to the practicability or efficacy of the method as a whole although many interesting and valuable data have been collected.

The Food and Drugs Division of the State Board of Health has been devoting considerable time to the examination of dried figs for worms. In some sections of the country the fig crop was below standard, a large percentage of the crop being infested with worms or mold. Several shipments to the state are being held pending further investigation. One shipment of imported dried figs was destroyed in Helena, these being infested with worms.

Will the Doctors please look over their records and report to their Local Registrars any births which may have been overlooked during the year, so that they may be given credit on the statements sent to the County Treasurers in January.

CURRENT DISEASE STATISTICS.

Reported for weeks ending

	December 3.	December 10
Tuberculosis,	3	2
Typhoid fever,	1	0
Smallpox,	27	16
Diphtheria,	4	2
Scarlet fever,	48	12
Measles,	1	1
Whooping cough,	5	0
Chickenpox,	65	46
Epidemic cerebro-spinal meningitis,	1	2
Polio-myelitis,	1	0
Other diseases,	10	10

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